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PROBLEMS AND DEVELOPMENTS, 1976-77, AND PROSPECTS

REFS: (A) 77PRAGUE 3540; (B)77 PRAGUE 3626; (C)PRAGUE 0056;
(D)77 USNATO 13131; (E) AC/127-WP/538

1. AT JAN 12 ECONADS MEETING, CHAIRMAN BILLY
NOTED WITH APPRECIATION INFORMATION PROVIDED
IN REF (C). WE COMMENTED ALONG LINES OF REF B,
AND BILLY INTENDS TO INCORPORATE POINTS IN
INTRODUCTION TO REVISED WP/528.

2. FRG REP (DAASE) MADE FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS:
(A) RE PARA 4, DELETE SECOND SENTENCE (BEGINNING
"THE 1976 STATISTICAL OFFICE...") BECAUSE CZECHOSLOVAKIA
USUALLY DOES NOT PUBLISH 6 MONTH FIGURES FOR COMPARISON
WITH PLANNED GOALS. (B) RE PARA 18, INSERT "IN THE
FIVE-YEAR PLAN (1971-75)", AT BEGINNING OF FIRST
SENTENCE. AFTER FIRST SENTENCE, ADD NEW SENTENCE
NOTING THAT SOME BOTTLENECKS HAD DEVELOPED.
IN FRG VIEW, SUCH CHANGES WOULD ADD PRECISION AND
AVOID GIVING THE PASSAGE A TOO OPTIMISTIC A TONE.
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(C) RE PARA 19, FRG WILL PASS TO ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE
RECENT DATA THAT CONFLICTS WITH FIGURES IN PARAGRAPH.
(D) RE PARA 25, PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN 1977 CZECH HARD-
CURRENCY TRADE WITH WEST WERE INCORRECT. FRG REP
WILL PROVIDE DATA BELIEVED TO BE MORE ACCURATE.

3. CHAIRMAN BILLY SAID THAT PARA 25 WOULD BE

CORRECTED, AND NOTED THAT AFTER ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE
FURTHER REVISES WP/528, DOCUMENT WILL BE FORWARDED
TO NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL FOR INFORMATION. GLITMAN

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